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The Office of Institutional Advancement and Marketing apologizes for two incorrect listings in the Capital Campaign Final Report. Advanced Manufacturing Technologies, Inc. should have been listed at the \$100,000 and above level, not at \$50,000 and above. Paul and Diane Kiffner should have been listed at the \$25,000 and above level, not at \$10,000 and above. Our heartfelt apologies for this error. To report an error/correction in the Capital Campaign Final Report or the 2007-2008 Honor Roll of Donors, please call (800)227-1898.



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In 1909 the cornerstone was laid on what has become an icon for Saint Joseph's College.



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# Memories of Faith and Reason

What comes to your mind when you think of Saint Joseph's College? What "things" enter your mind when you visualize or recall your days on campus?

For many of the alumni, it is the imposing Chapel - a brick and mortar symbol of the enduring Catholic character of Saint Joseph's. For graduates of the past four decades, it is most likely their classroom experience of the Core Curriculum.

4 Both of these icons of Saint Joseph's are celebrating anniversaries this year. For the Chapel, it is the centennial year of its construction, and for Core, the 40th anniversary of its introduction as the hallmark of the College's liberal arts mission.



This issue of *Contact* contains noteworthy articles celebrating these anniversaries and recalling their storied history.

But of course, it's not the physical presence of the Chapel, nor is it the coursework and requirements of Core that need celebrating. It is, rather, their impact on the lives and careers of the many men and women who claim the College as their alma mater.

At first glance, some might wonder how the presence of the Chapel would impact a college aged young person. I can attest that during my days on campus, the Chapel was more than a "place." It was where we attended Mass, received the healing grace of Confession/Reconciliation, and prayed, mightily, that we get that passing grade in the course that we so desperately needed. It was where we "bargained" with God in the hope that we were heard. Now, in our spiritual maturity, we understand that He gave then, and gives now, of His love, far beyond our needs and wants.

If I have any regrets about my days as a student, it is that I was just a few years too early for the Core experience.

However, I recently attended a meeting with a graduate from the late 1970s who, thirty years after her graduation, couldn't say enough about what the Core experience meant to her, and how it developed her critical reasoning skills. I wondered how many graduates of other colleges would recall their course of study and relate it to the tools of the modern day world and workplace. That's what Core does, and it is most certainly what defines the Saint Joseph's learning experience, and sets it apart from other liberal arts colleges.

Two "icons" rooted in Faith and Reason. May they forever define and exemplify the Saint Joseph's experience!

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# SJC Art Professor Helps Alzheimer's Patients Through Painting

They may not have the cognitive memory of painting, but as soon as the paint brush is placed in their hand, they remember feeling happy. Patients suffering from Alzheimer's disease experience various levels of memory loss and it is due to this loss that they may not remember Dana Zier and her teaching them to paint.

Zier, an Art professor at Saint Joseph's College spent four years from 2002-2006 with sufferers of Alzheimer's and brought the world of painting to their lives. "They may not remember me or their painting, but they'll remember coming, and that they liked this," Zier said. Zier attributes the patients' fondness of painting to the fact that things such as creativity, color, and emotion are all done in the right brain. These are the last things to go for someone who suffers from Alzheimer's. "Emotion is something they can sense immediately," Zier said. "If you don't want to be there, then they don't want you there." Zier reached out to these patients on a volunteer basis at Valparaiso's Life Care Center of the Willows. Her class was offered twice a month to eight different women all in different stages of the disease.

Although Zier finds the results of the class rewarding, it comes at a price. Just before coming to SJC, Zier noted that since the start of her class, half of the students had passed. "I feel I'm very blessed to see them as they go out," she reflected. "I'm one of the last people to reach them."

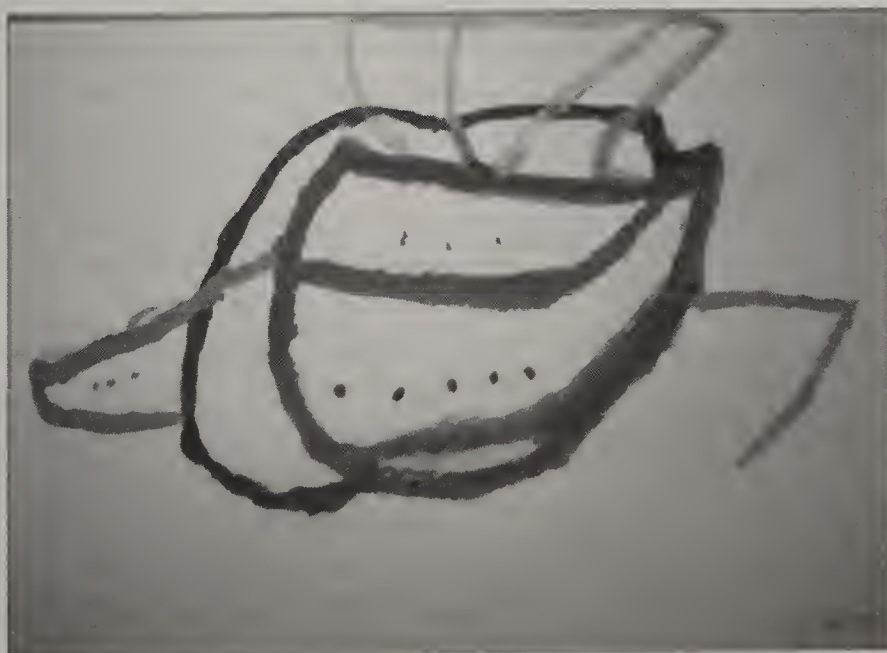
Zier feels that using art with Alzheimer's patients is a developing field and often uses it as a lesson in her classroom to her much younger students. "Their art is an example of what the mind is capable of," Zier said. Ideally she would like to see her experiences expand into a course in art therapy where students could intern at nursing homes and hospitals with the possibility of also working with children who have brain damage.



*A class called "White Cat Lesson,"  
Zier assists two students with their paintings*



*A winning postcard titled "Poinsettias" painted by Rose*



*A painting by Zier's student named Helen titled "Spider Plant"*



*Zier assists Virginia, a student and resident  
at the Willows Life Care Center*



# Saint Joseph's Chapel

## 100 Years of History

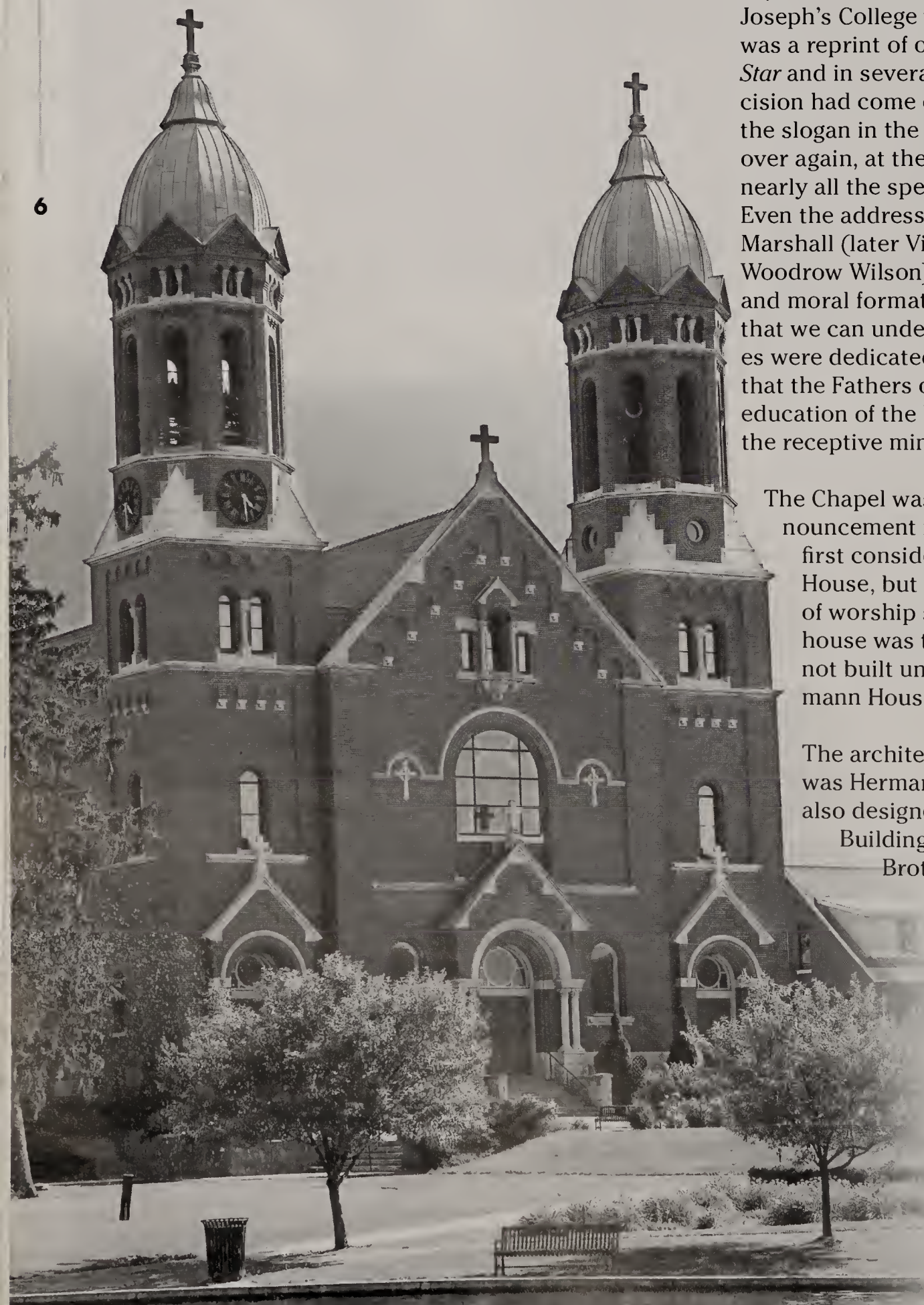
A hallmark of the SJC campus, 2009 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the cornerstone laying for the Chapel. The following is a look back on its history and significance to the College, written by **Rev. Dominic Gerlach, C.P.P.S. '46** (SJC Professor Emeritus of History and German) on January 18, 1975.

“Indiana School That Educates Both Heart and Head” read the headline on the front page of the *Rensselaer Republican*, December 25, 1908, that announced that Saint Joseph's College would build a new chapel. The article was a reprint of one that had appeared in the *Indianapolis Star* and in several other papers. Actually, news of the decision had come out already as early as November 7. But the slogan in the headline was to be repeated over and over again, at the cornerstone laying, May 2, 1909, and in nearly all the speeches at the dedication, May 17, 1910. Even the address given by Indiana Governor Thomas R. Marshall (later Vice President of the United States under Woodrow Wilson) dwelt on the need of solidly religious and moral formation of students. It was with this in mind that we can understand how the school's slender resources were dedicated to “a monument that will forever show that the Fathers of the Precious Blood do not neglect the education of the heart while they are endeavoring to fill the receptive minds.”

The Chapel was the center of the College. The announcement noted that the Board of Trustees had first considered building a C.P.P.S. Community House, but decided instead that a suitable house of worship should take priority. The community house was to follow in a couple of years, but it was not built until over 50 years later when Schwietermann House was built in 1963.

The architect of the new Romanesque styled Chapel was Herman J. Gaul of Chicago, who four years later also designed Science Hall, now the Arts & Science Building. The contractors were the Medland Brothers of Logansport, Indiana, who had done all of the principal building thus far on campus. The cost of the Chapel was estimated to have been \$100,000, therefore easily the biggest building project thus far undertaken by the school.

The erection of a building this size was not all a matter of a “monument.” Although the College had only an enrollment of 225 in the fall of 1908, 50 further applicants had to be turned away for lack of space. Not only were they building for a growing school, but





the Chapel itself was expected to draw both more students and benefactors.

The cornerstone laying ceremony was deliberately low key so that the dedication ceremony on May 17, 1910 would be the biggest event in the College's history. The presiding prelate was the Bishop of Ft. Wayne (Rensselaer was part of the Ft. Wayne Diocese at that time), Herman J. Alerding. He performed the blessing and preached the sermon at the Pontifical High Mass that followed. A hundred visiting clergy were crowded into the sanctuary and the nave of the Chapel was filled to overflowing.

The College Chapel was not arranged like a parish church, for it served somewhat different purposes. Most obvious is the over-sized sanctuary, which was designed to provide space for the nine altars originally installed. The priests said Mass individually in those days. The altars were hand-carved by H. Hackner of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Above the high altar was a life-size statue of Saint Joseph flanked by a smaller statue of Saint Gaspar del Bufalo (founder of the Society of the Precious Blood) on his left and one of Saint Francis Xavier (the Society's patron saint) on his right. Similar statues graced the other eight altars, each selected for its relevance to the students. Thus the "Pieta" portrayed Christian suffering, the "Holy Family" the model of family life, "Thomas Aquinas" the patron of scholarship, "Saint Cecilia" the patroness of church music, and "Saint Aloysius" the model of Christian purity.

Other outstanding features of the Chapel are the twelve "scagliola" pillars. The name refers to the type of imitation marble used to cover the steel beams. Italian craftsmen molded the pillars. The stain glass windows, like the altar statues, portray religious scenes relevant to the students. Of the two large windows in front, the east window pictures the sacrifice of Melchizedek (an Old Testament scene anticipating the Mass), while the west window pictures the boy Jesus before the scholars in the Temple. The remaining windows present full body portraits of various saints. The walls and ceiling were

all frescoed in artistic designs by C. Beigel of Chicago. Of particular interest are the three large paintings in the sanctuary. They were done in an art school in Munich, Germany, but did not arrive until November, 1910. The center painting over the arch shows a scene from the "Book of Revelations" which centers on the symbol of Christ in the form of a sacrificial lamb surrounded by the saints.

It took several more years, however, before the appointments in the Chapel were complete. In June 1919 the three bells were installed in the east tower. They were named Saint Joseph, Saint Agatha, and Ave Maria respectively and each carried an inscription in Latin of a Biblical quotation referring to the Precious Blood.

In December 1920 a Seth Thomas tower clock was also installed in the east tower. It activates the bells every fifteen minutes. Also in late 1920, the College contracted for an organ with the Votteler-Holtkamp-Sparling Company of Cleveland, Ohio, but the new organ did not arrive until August 1, 1921, and was dedicated on November 13, 1921.

In the early morning of February 4, 1973, the Chapel came awfully close to destruction when the Administration Building, which was connected to it by an enclosed passageway, burned down. The work of the local fire department and favorable wind, however, saved it from destruction. Some would say today that the removal of the Administration Building has greatly enhanced the appearance of the Chapel, as now more than ever, the Chapel towers over the rest of the campus as the central building.

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*A new roof was constructed on the Chapel in the summers of 2005 and 2006*





# Heroes Are Forgotten But L

Little 500 has come a long way since it first began in 1963. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, nine teams pushed homemade karts around the Arts & Science Building in what was supposed to be a 500 minute race. Instead, the race ended after only four hours. Since then, the race has evolved in many ways. The starting position, for example, has been determined in various ways such as a qualifying race and drawing numbers. Even the race time has changed, from times of two hours to four hours in length.

The Little 500 has a lot of rich history behind it, including having the 1952 winner of the Indy 500, Troy Ruttman, serve as the race's Grand Marshal and technical advisor. In 1971, the transition was made from push karts to motorized go-karts, with **Ed Carter '74** winning the first motorized race. In 1972, **Paul Yeoman '72** and **Roger Merriman '73** entered a go-kart powered by a Honda engine. Unfortunately, the kart suffered a broken throttle cable and air cleaner malfunction after the team had built up a fourteen lap lead two and a half hours into the race. The race was won by **Ed Carter '74** and **Pat Burns '74**. Because of the dominance of the Honda engine, the motor rules were revised to avoid such an overwhelming advantage.

To ensure the fairness of the race, the only motor allowed was the 3.5 hp Tecumseh. In 1978, racing rods were allowed to increase the

life of the motor, and in order to keep the cost of participating in the race down, the 1983 Little 500 Committee decided to purchase four hp Briggs & Stratton motors and allow students to rent them. The participants drew numbers to decide which one of the identically prepared motors they would run, meaning the driver and setup of the kart would play a bigger part in the race. In 1993, the Little 500 Committee decided to upgrade the motors to restricted 5 hp motors.

The first women's team to enter the Little 500 consisted of **Mary Pat Smith '68** and **Mary Ellen Kendall '69** in 1966. The women drove the second entry from Noll Hall, but unfortunately they were involved in an accident that knocked them out of the race. In 1977, **Kila Brown '79** became the first female to win the pole position, and the only females to ever win the race were **Donna Griffin '82** and **Peg Versgrove '82** in 1981.

The race course has also undergone a lot of variations in the forty year history of the race. Ranging from the sidewalks around the Arts & Science Building, to the road around Halleck Center, to a 7/10 mile track which serves as part of the current half mile course, the course is always changing. The current track measures one-half mile.



*Andrew Malone '09 receives words of encouragement from his pit crew as he prepared to win his second straight Little 500 in 2008*



*Andrew Malone '09 rounds turn 3 in 2008*



# en, Legends Never Die

On April 18, 2009, SJC will see the forty-seventh running of the Little 500, and everyone's attention will be centered on Andrew Malone '09. A Rensselaer native and senior at SJC, Malone is one win away from becoming the first three-time winner in the race's illustrious history. An Elementary Education major, Malone is an unlikely challenger to set the record for number of wins in the Little 500. He only recalls going to the race one time before starting college here. "I was a junior in high school," said Malone. "Three of my buddies went with me, but we didn't stay long because it was snowing."

By the time Andrew made it to SJC, however, he had taken a much more active interest in the race. With an excellent pit crew behind him, which Malone credits as the biggest reason why he has won the race twice, and the unflappable confidence needed to win, Malone stands to become a Little 500 legend. "I've had a great group of people behind me every year. Our team is always focused and we know what needs to be done. Every member of the team knows their role and we all want to win. My pit crew takes pride in having quick pit stops and making the necessary changes when needed."

But it's not all about winning with Malone. In fact, the race isn't even his favorite part of the Little 500 experience. "The best part of the Little

500 is probably working in the barn. You get to work on the kart out there for a week and you get a chance to see what everyone else has. It is also a chance to meet some alumni who once raced. They always have some pretty interesting stories – not only about the Little 5, but about what SJC was like when they attended. They're always good for some laughs and for harassing us current students." Luckily for Malone, it's been him getting the last laugh.

Whether or not Malone wins the Little 500 in 2009, he has found himself a niche in SJC's history. Current students will remember him ten or twenty years from now when they come back to see the race and relive old memories. And as for Malone, will he return for the alumni race? "I do plan on returning to compete in the alumni race. I don't know if I'll race in it every year, but I do still want to be part of the Little 500 after I graduate. Even if I don't race myself, I plan on putting one or two karts in the student race. It's only a matter of finding people interested in driving and keeping the tradition going at SJC." With his reputation, he shouldn't have any trouble.

Little 500 will be on Saturday, April 18, 2009.



by to his second Little 500 victory

Andrew Malone '09 poses with his crew in front of his 2008 winning kart



# SJC Student

## Lands Internship with Virginia Congresswoman

While most college students strive to spend the summer before their junior year at the beach or with friends, one Saint Joseph's College student landed an opportunity of a lifetime and became one step closer to realizing her dream. While searching on the internet one day, Joy Torres came across a possibility that opened up a world of opportunity for her.

Through the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Torres landed an internship with the office of Congresswoman Donna Christensen (D-VI) in Washington, D.C. While there, Torres wrote letters to constituents, went to meetings, and helped organize files. It may sound like simple office work, but it was anything but easy. Working for a congresswoman was some of the most trying work Torres had ever done, and she gained a great deal of insight into what it takes to make it as a government worker. Although Torres' career aspirations don't include working in Congress, the internship certainly prepared her for attaining her ultimate goal. "It is my undying dream to be a special analyst for the F.B.I. and to eventually become a part of their Behavioral Analysis Unit."

Despite the difficulty of her job, Torres found it to be an excellent learning experience and something that would be beneficial and rewarding for any student. "It was one of the best experiences of my life. It definitely sealed my desire to work in the D.C. area. Having the opportunity to be a part of the whole congressional process was an amazing experience. Being able to witness the whole process was so valuable and interesting."

Drawing on her education at SJC proved to be an excellent tool in helping Torres to adapt and succeed during her internship. "SJC definitely prepared me intellectually. Because I have had my thinking shaped in such a balanced and positive way at school, I was able to have some very interesting and thoughtful conversations with my fellow interns and workers."

Of course, working for a congresswoman could get difficult and stressful at times. Fortunately, the living conditions provided much needed relief and comfort for Torres and the other twenty-nine Hispanic students participating in internships. "The rooms were amazing," Torres said. "We stayed in one of the dorms at George Washington University, but the rooms were more like apartments. There were two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room, and a kitchen. Cooking was up to us, so I was able to experiment with that a lot. In fact, I baked cookies for the first time in my life," Torres continued.

In the end, the internship was about so much more than living in a nice dorm and relishing the D.C. atmosphere. It was about gaining the experience and knowledge needed to achieve a dream, something which so many people take for granted and put a half-hearted effort into attaining. With Torres' determination and undying passion for realizing her dream, she should have no trouble reaching it. She's already taken the first step, and that can be the most challenging.



*Joy Torres '10 (third from the left, front row) pictured with the other interns for the CHCI.*



# SJC's Habitat for Humanity Group Visited North Carolina

This past Thanksgiving season ten students traveled to Rocky Mount, North Carolina to continue rebuilding the Rocky Mount Area Habitat for Humanity homes that suffered severe flood damage after two hurricanes struck the area in a two week period. The Saint Joseph's College Habitat for Humanity group arrived in Rocky Mount as part of a disaster response after the two hurricanes which dumped twenty inches of rain on the area hit in 1999. This was the group's tenth trip to Rocky Mount.

After getting struck by a hurricane in late August of 1999, Hurricane Floyd struck three weeks later. Floyd was almost twice the size of an average Atlantic and was one of the most devastating storms to ever hit the United States. Over 2.5 million people along the eastern seaboard fled their homes, and more than fifty people died. Entire neighborhoods were washed away, businesses closed up and moved shop, and many residents' lives are still in disarray. To this day, the area is still in the process of rebuilding, aided by the efforts of SJC's Habitat for Humanity group.

Along with the ten students who gave up the majority of their Thanksgiving break to travel to Rocky Mount, Associate Professor of Philosophy Br. Rob Reuter, C.P.P.S. and Associate Professor of Communication and SJC Habitat faculty advisor Fred Berger also participated. Berger has been involved in SJC's Habitat for Humanity since 1996 and has been its director since 1998. Some of the volunteers have already been to Rocky Mount on past trips, and going back is almost like visiting family for them. Mike Koscielny, a junior from Elkhart, Ind. and a double major in Math and English, feels the NC trip is one with a rich history at SJC. "We've been going out there for ten years now, so there's a special bond between us and the affiliate that I've never experienced on another Habitat trip. Because of that, I feel blessed that I got the opportunity to experience it. Going out there, even if it was only for a few days, was a beautiful reminder for me why it's so important to volunteer and help those who are less fortunate."

The group left SJC at 5:00 p.m. CST on November 21, 2008, after classes let out for Thanksgiving break. Whereas most students race home when classes end on Friday, these ten students prepared for the fifteen hour drive to Rocky Mount. If Thanksgiving is supposed to be about giving to those less fortunate, the group certainly recognized the holiday in the best way possible. Many of the citizens in Rocky Mount have experienced a great deal of hardship and heartache, but SJC's Habitat for Humanity group helped to ensure they celebrated Thanksgiving with smiles on their faces and hope in their hearts. Koscielny returned to North Carolina and feels great about the work SJC's Habitat group has done. "As a participant on the trip, I really got more out of the experience than even the people who got a house."

After spending some time relaxing on Sunday, the group worked all day Monday and part of the day Tuesday. They left Rocky Mount Tuesday afternoon for the fifteen hour drive back to Rensselaer, which allowed them to spend Thanksgiving with their families and with a tremendous perspective on what Thanksgiving is really all about. "These students really embodied the Gospel values that Saint Joseph's College teaches as part of the Core Program. They gave up part of their Thanksgiving vacation to help people who they have never met. I'm very proud of the participants. They showed their Christianity in a very visible, practical way," said Berger.



*Mike Koscielny '10 helps build a house during SJC's Habitat for Humanity trip to Rocky Mount, North Carolina*



*The group of 10 students helped finish a house and a shed during their trip over Thanksgiving vacation*



*The students spent many hours traveling by van to help those still recovering from two devastating hurricanes that hit in 1999*



# AIT Offers Interns a World of Opportunities

The famous writer Sam Ewing once said, "It's not the hours you put into your work that count, but the work you put into the hours." If that's true, then the three Saint Joseph's College students who served internships at the American Institute of Toxicology (AIT) Laboratories over the summer of 2008 were extremely productive and successful in their work. The work they did at AIT was extremely advanced and very complicated, yet they were able to use their brains, determination, and experience at SJC to accomplish more than they ever could have imagined.

AIT was founded in 1990 by SJC graduate **Michael Evans '67** along with five other employees. The company's goal is to provide superior analytical testing and research to professionals in the healthcare industry. It now has about 150 employees and is the second largest private forensics lab in the country. Although none of the interns worked under Dr. Evans, he would frequently come in to see how they were doing and make sure they were enjoying themselves.

The three interns, juniors Anisha Gohil and Jaime Gingerich, and senior Crystal Stines, had mixed emotions when they first arrived at AIT in May of 2008. "When I first started, I was nervous because I didn't know much about the instruments and extractions," said Gohil. "However, the people there were so helpful to me and taught me so much. I now feel so much more confident in my abilities when it comes to chemistry." This initial feeling of nervousness was experienced by Gingerich and Stines as well. However, all three of the interns expressed their gratitude for their co-workers and supervisors who were

supportive and helpful throughout the internship. "A lot of the advice I received was from toxicologist Josh Gunn, who helped supervise us along with the Research and Development Manager Brenda Sweeney. Josh was a great teacher and would explain things to me in ways that I could understand. I remember thinking, 'I wish I could explain things like that.' He could take what at first seemed like a complicated concept and break it down into something I could understand," said Gohil.

Stines also received some advice that helped her deal with the frustration of working on her project. "The person who really helped me out last summer told me not to get frustrated or give up – that's why it's called Research and Development. If everything worked the way it was supposed to, we wouldn't have jobs. It helped me learn that not everything goes according to plan and to just do my best."

The students also drew a lot of comfort out of the fact that they were all going through the experience together. "I loved having Jaime and Anisha at AIT with me over the summer. When everyone else was running around with the things they needed to get done, they were always able to take a few minutes to bounce ideas around with me. Since each of us were learning different things during our internships, we would share what we knew with each other. I was familiar with developing methods, Jaime was able to make the instruments do things that I couldn't, and Anisha was good at making sure everything was precise," added Stines.

SJC also helped the interns adjust to the workplace. "All the background information I needed to know I learned at SJC," said Gingerich. Stines credited her professors and the classes she has

Anisha Gohil '10

Crystal Stines '09 (right) with SJC graduate and AIT co-founder, Dr. Michael Evans '67 (left)



taken for helping her adapt to AIT. "My classes ensured I was ready to learn the material and my professors encouraged me to work there. I was so nervous about not being smart enough to be there, but Dr. Anne Gull constantly told me that it would be fine and to never be afraid to ask questions. I took her advice and am very glad that I did."

Even though the interns learned a great deal during their time at AIT, it didn't come without a lot of frustration. Stines expressed how challenging and hopeless her work seemed at times: "I had a project that I started in the second week that was supposed to be solely my project. I was on my own and received occasional help from the others. When I left after eleven weeks, it still wasn't finished. I did research for hours on end hoping someone else had found something. I tried other peoples' methods, combined multiple methods, and modified my own methods, but nothing seemed to work. Something would seem that it might work if it was tweaked the right way, so I would tweak for a week or two only to find that the method wasn't going to work. It was overwhelming and very frustrating; even my advisors didn't know what to do. But we would sit down in a group of three or four and brainstorm possible ideas of why it wasn't working and what to do next. We always left meetings with a direction and that helped me a lot. My supervisors were understanding and helped me in more ways than I can count."

The responsibilities the interns had at AIT were indeed complex. Each time AIT decides to test for a new drug, a method has to be set up to quantify how much of the drug is in the sample. As interns, they had to help develop these methods and redesign any that could be better.

Gohil's main project involved the drug Salvia, a hallucinogenic plant that is usually smoked by its users. "Salvia is still legal in most states, and therefore not many places have a method to test for it. I worked on developing a method to extract Salvia from blood. This was very challenging because not much research has been done on Salvia."

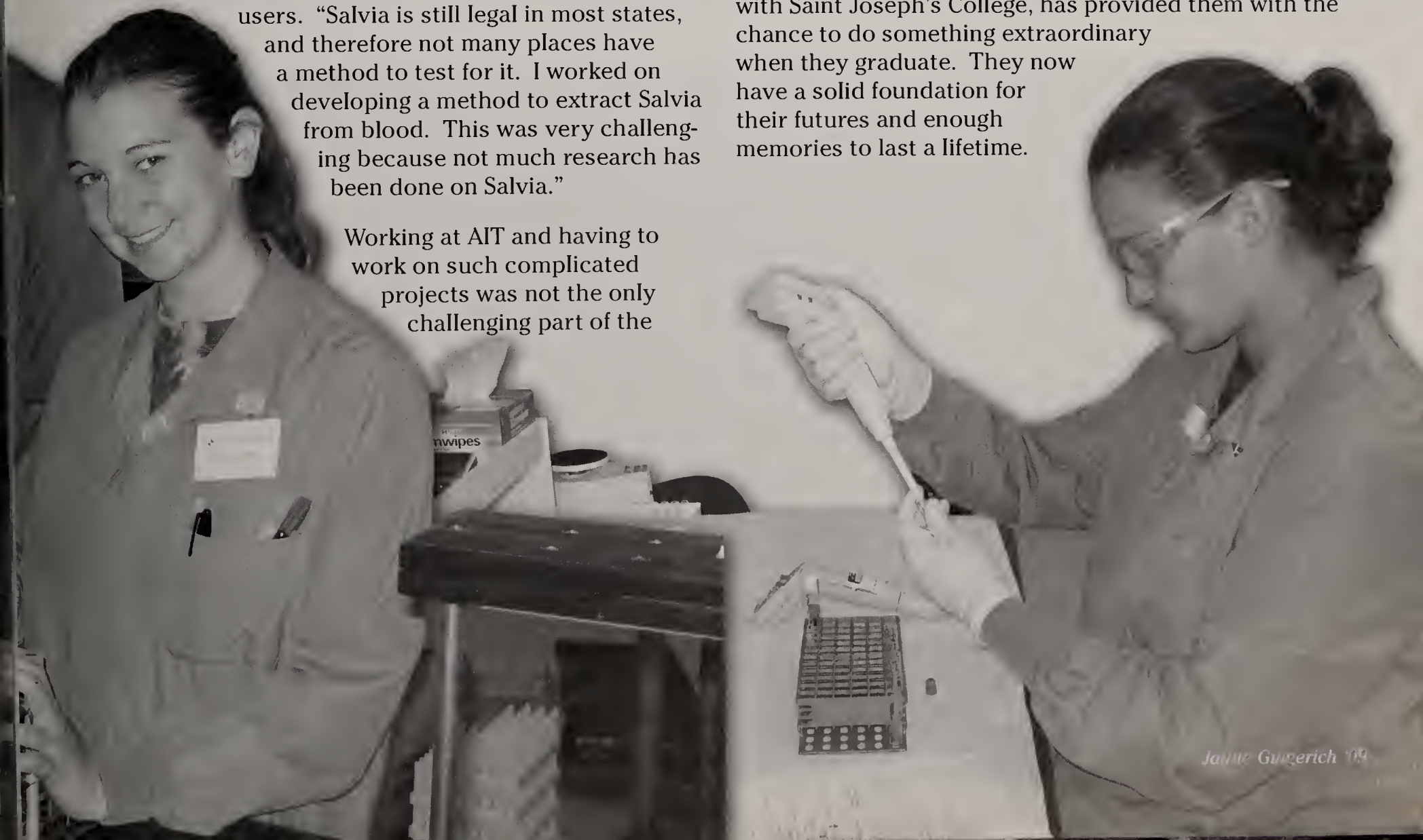
Working at AIT and having to work on such complicated projects was not the only challenging part of the

internship. For Gohil and Gingerich, living independently in a big city was just as difficult. Gingerich reflected on her time spent living in Indianapolis. "Anisha and I got an apartment together. Between gas, food, and rent, you have to learn how to budget well. It was a good experience, but I realized just how much of a country person I am. I live in the middle of nowhere, and living in Indy for three months was a little bit of a culture shock." Gohil, who is a member of the SJC women's tennis team, was happy to find so many great places to play tennis in the city. She also loved the abundance of amazing restaurants in downtown Indianapolis.

Even though Stines drove to work every day, she also experienced some changes in her home life. "It was about a forty-five minute drive every day from my house to AIT. Even though I still lived at home, it was different working a full-time job. My mom worked the night shift on weekends, my brother worked evenings, and my sister was always buried in a book since she isn't old enough to get a job. Before I had the job, my family and I had similar working hours so it was not hard to be together. We each had to give up some of our personal time to be able to spend time with one another, which was quite different," said Stines.

So what would these three interns say to a student who is considering an internship at AIT? "Do it!" exclaimed Gingerich. "It was a lot of fun. There are a lot of great people there who are really helpful. I learned a ton about laboratory work and an area of science that I had never really had any exposure to. It was a great learning experience."

In the end, all three of the interns took away a tremendous amount of quality experience and life lessons. AIT, along with Saint Joseph's College, has provided them with the chance to do something extraordinary when they graduate. They now have a solid foundation for their futures and enough memories to last a lifetime.





# SJC's Freshman Class Gives Back to Campus

On the afternoon of Monday, September 29, the Class of 2012 showed their appreciation for and dedication to Saint Joseph's College by holding a tree planting ceremony on the northwest side of the Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. Core Education Center.

Each of the twenty-one Freshman Seminar classes planted a tree as part of their contribution to the beautification of the College and as a living symbol of their commitment to SJC and their time here. SJC Associate Professor of History and Dean of Freshmen Ilicia Sprey, who organized the event, hopes it will be the start of a long and wonderful tradition at SJC.

The idea for this event came from the book "Unbowed: A Memoir" by Wangarri Maathai. Maathai won the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize for her tree planting in Africa. In "Unbowed," Maathai describes her heroic journey in fascinating detail.

**14** Beginning with her childhood in rural Kenya, the book details her rise to the world stage.

Maathai founded the Green Belt Movement in 1977. It became an important poor people's environmental movement that focused on empowering women and rapidly spread across Africa. Although Maathai suffered a great deal in her efforts to bring about change, including being beaten and jailed numerous times, Maathai continued her efforts to save Kenya's forests and to restore democracy to her beloved country.

This book was chosen for the freshman class to read because Sprey, who had read the book previously, felt it was acces-

sible and written in a language that students would understand. It is very straight-forward, and its messages reflect those of SJC and the C.P.P.S. After reading the book, Sprey felt, "Wow...this is us!"

Tree planting was selected by Sprey because she wanted to tie in the reading to a service project that would stand as a symbol of the freshmen's commitment to the College and their putting down roots here, just like the trees.

When asked what she would like the freshmen to take away from the activity, she responded, "Think globally, and act locally." She also expressed her wishes for these students to come back as alumni and have the trees serve as a physical reminder. As they grow, the trees grow.

"I hope to continue this event so that freshmen can leave their mark on the campus. The book "Unbowed" deals with environmental issues and carries the message that small ideas can turn into something more important," added Sprey. Next year she plans to use the same book. "The book challenges students to broaden their horizons. I would like to see the campus return to being filled with trees, and once that occurs, perhaps we can move our projects out and into the community," continued Sprey.

Morgan Myers, a freshman from DeMotte, Ind. appreciated the significance behind the project. "Our freshman tree will stand for many generations to remind us how a small act can impact many, much like Maathai changed lives through her tree nurseries."



*SJC Class of 2012 leaves their mark on campus as each Freshman Seminar class planted a tree on campus.*



# SJC's Accounting Students Plant Trees and Memories

Saint Joseph's College Accounting students recently participated in Indiana's Certified Public Accountants (CPA) Day of Service by planting trees at the Jasper County Youth Center on September 26, 2008. This was the first year for the event.

Annually, the Indiana CPA Society designates one day as the Indiana CPA Day of Service. On this day, CPAs from all over the state participate in community service activities. **Terra Maienbrook '97**, Associate Professor of Accounting at SJC, chose to have her students plant trees because she, along with Campus Minister **Ary Nelson '02**, believed it would serve a local need and be something the students could come back and see after they graduate.

All Accounting majors and students were invited to participate, and the event was a requirement for the Auditing course this semester. "The majority of the students in the Auditing course are seniors, and the tree planting was a way of introducing them to the benefits of being part of a professional organization," said Maienbrook.

The students who took part in the tree planting were thoroughly satisfied with the outcome. "You never realize how much you can make a difference by simply devoting a few hours of your time to help someone else and how rewarding it can be," said Amanda Raymond, a senior from DeMotte, Ind. Jeffrey Williams, a senior from East Liverpool, Ohio, added, "It was surprising that we could make a difference by just planting eight trees at the Youth Center.

Everything went very well, from the digging to the watering, and it was worthwhile to give back to the community."

When asked what she hoped for the students to take from the tree planting, Maienbrook replied, "I am hoping they will begin to understand that being an accounting or business professional is much more than getting the right job and making money. Once they become part of a community they have an obligation to give back in some way. Actively participating in community service events is just one way for them to do that."

Junior Tim Friedrich from Long Grove, Ill. added, "Participating in Indiana's CPA Day of Service was a rewarding experience. One often forgets that a CPA inevitably answers to the public as the users of financial information. A CPA must have integrity and must not abuse the public's trust. The CPA Day of Service was a day to remember that we must care for our community, in business and elsewhere."

Maienbrook is hoping this will be an annual event, and next year she wants to have the Auditing class do all the planning and organizing. She is also hoping to invite local CPAs and alumni to participate as well. "If we have a larger commitment, we can take on a bigger project. I think this would be a wonderful tradition to establish here at SJC. I'm looking forward to getting students to connect more with the local community and to establish strong relationships with local CPAs."



*SJC Accounting students plant maple trees near the Jasper County Youth Center.*



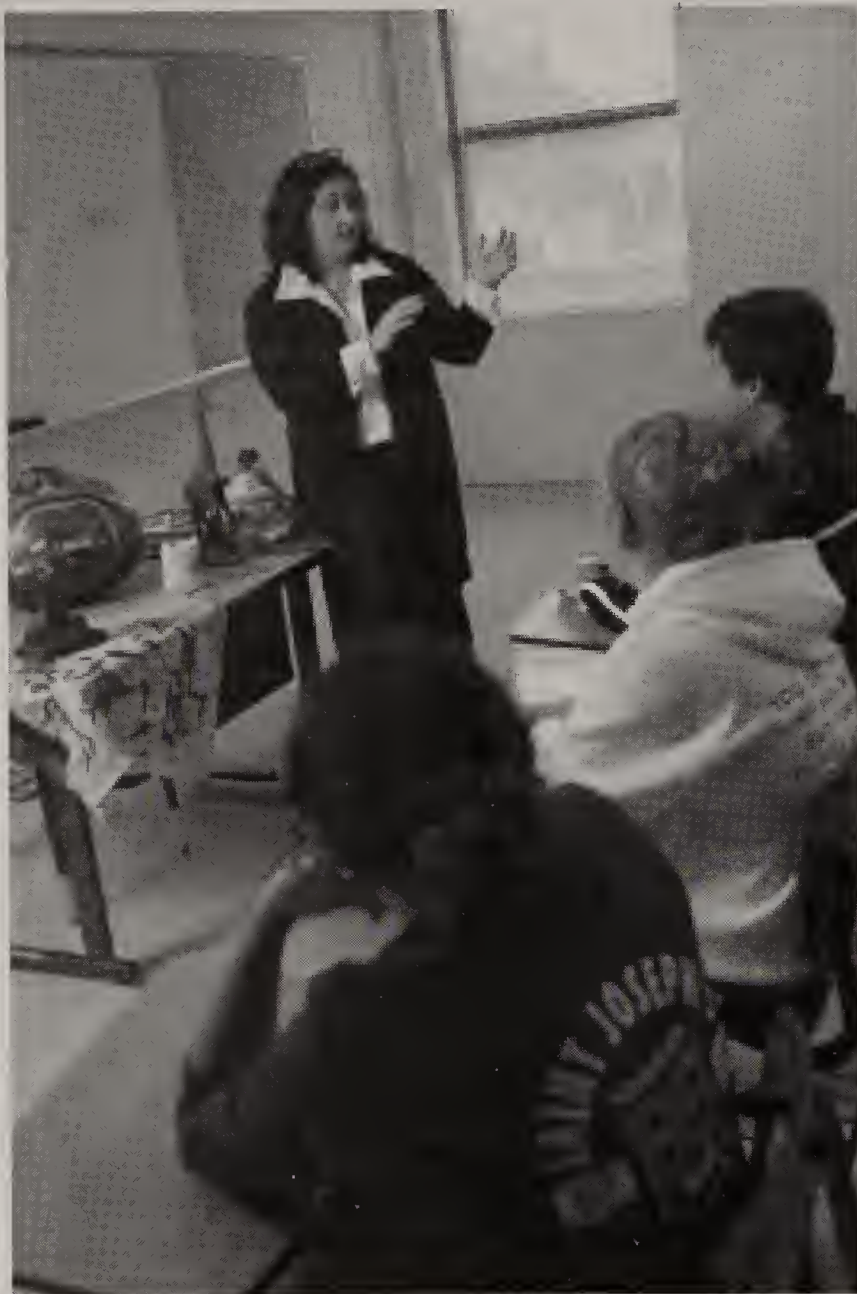
# Forty Years of Core at Saint Joseph's College

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For the past forty years, Saint Joseph's College's Core Program has been recognized nationally as one of the top undergraduate academic programs. Besides employing extraordinary faculty members whose number one priority has always been the students' welfare, the College has employed state of the art learning techniques and an open-minded approach to teaching and learning. It is these essential qualities that have allowed the Core Program to flourish at SJC. Combining visual based lectures with interactive discussions, the Core Program fulfills students' general requirements and so much more. Not only is Core used at SJC, but by Harvard as well, which attests to its educational value.

This year, Saint Joseph's College will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year of the Core Program. Core was originally inspired by Vatican II in its origins and has been thoroughly dedicated to implementing the Council's and Pope John Paul's desire for dialogue between the Gospel and contemporary culture. The Core Program is an interdisciplinary curriculum, meaning it entails studies in a number of diverse subjects and topics, including religion. It has long been a cherished part of the SJC experience by both students and faculty. "Core is really at the heart of SJC's academic experience," said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs MaryAnn Janosik. "It has a rich, forty year history and the potential to continue on far into the future. The whole idea of creating an interdisciplinary, liberal curriculum that focuses on Christian humanism is such an integral part of the students' experience here and prepares them for whatever career they choose. The faculty is engaged in teaching in Core and open to assessing the curriculum so that it remains vital and relevant."

The Core faculty, made up of professors and staff members from various academic disciplines, works together to plan the Core Curriculum each semester. Every week, two lectures are presented to the whole class and members of the Core faculty. For juniors, three lectures are held per week. Each lecture correlates an assigned reading which the students must complete prior to the lecture. The lectures are usually given by a faculty member whose expertise includes the topic under discussion, and occasionally a guest speaker is brought in to give a lecture. For example, Stephen Bloom, author of the novel *Postville*, gave a



Assistant Professor of History **Susan Chattin '85** leads Core 7-India

lecture to the Core 1 students. The lectures are presented in the Shen Auditorium, where some of the latest innovations in multi-media presentation software and hardware are employed.

Following the Core presentations, students meet in their registered discussion section. The discussion groups consist of sixteen to eighteen students who meet with a professor to talk about the readings and lectures. The emphasis in this part of Core is learning how to interact with others and their ideas. It is also in the discussion section that writing assignments, tests, and quizzes are given. Often times, students will take the role of the discussion leader or give presentations related to the topic under discussion. This provides students with the participation and leadership skills necessary to succeed in the working world. "I thoroughly enjoyed Core," said **Todd Huff '03**. "I see the value of Core in the working world, as it has helped me maintain many different inter-

ests and given me the communication and writing skills necessary to be a successful worker," Huff continued. Core's focus on Christianity is also an essential part of the program. "Core helped me to understand and appreciate my role as a Christian in the modern world," said **Fr. Mark Peres, C.P.P.S. '80**.

Saint Joseph's College is a pioneer in terms of what is currently considered the best thinking for liberal arts education. The College has been conducting since 1969 what several accreditors and associations recommend as the type of liberal education required for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, namely a four-year collaboration between and interdisciplinary general education curriculum and the major. SJC is proud that it has helped to promote this view of undergraduate education as a model curriculum for others to emulate.

External recognition through grants from prestigious sources (e.g., Lilly Endowment, the National Endowment for the Humanities [NEH], the Association of American Colleges and Universities [AACU], the Consortium for the Advancement of Private Higher Education [CAPHE], and the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education [FIPSE] affirms the value of the College's educational approach. Through the years several public comments

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have been made about the interdisciplinary general education curriculum by leaders in American higher education. William J. Bennett, the former U.S. Secretary of Education, named SJC as one of three "bright spots" in the nation as far as humanities are concerned. Zelda Gamson named 75 references to the interdisciplinary general education curriculum, as SJC was one of the participants in FIPSEs National Project IV. Ernest Boyer reported on a survey of academic vice presidents which named SJC as one of five places in the country where general education is working.

From 1993 to 1996, SJC received a substantial amount of money in the form of grants. The NEH endowment of Core and of a Distinguished Teaching Professor awarded SJC with \$2.6 million, and FIPSE supplied \$150,000 in funding for developing Core-major interaction. In 1998, SJC created a new mission statement highlighting Core, Christian Humanism, and the whole undergraduate experience. The statement was "A united endeavor of intelligence and faith."

Professor John Nichols, SJC Professor of Philosophy and NEH Distinguished Teaching Professor, has been a participant in four key projects and was the national director of one of them for the AACU in 2004. The project adopted collaboration between general education and the majors as the concept of liberal education appropriate to the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

When asked how he feels about the current status of Core at SJC, Nichols said, "What we invented here, with student help and insight, has been adopted by the leading national organization for liberal education. If Pope John Paul II were still around, he'd be overjoyed at our current mission statement."



*The Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. Core Education Center*

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SJC College Quiz • C/O Lindsay Walls • P.O. Box 870 • Rensselaer, IN 47978

Respondents with the most correct answers will be entered into a raffle for a prize.

All responses must be received by no later than March 16, 2009.

This building bears the name of a murdered C.P.P.S. priest and boasts 24-hour quiet hours.

- ☐ Merlini Hall
- ☐ Schwietermann House
- ☐ McHale-Xavier Hall
- ☐ Aquinas Hall

**18** Named for an alumnus from the class of 1919, this residence hall houses all women.

- ☐ Justin Hall
- ☐ Gallagher Hall
- ☐ Noll Hall
- ☐ Merlini Hall

Bear down! This residence hall is named for a former owner of the Chicago Bears.

- ☐ Schwietermann House
- ☐ Bennett Hall
- ☐ Justin Hall
- ☐ Halas Hall

Noll Hall is named for the Most Rev. John Francis Noll, Bishop of Ft. Wayne and founder of what Catholic publishing enterprise?

- ☐ American Catholic Press
- ☐ Catholic Book Publishing Corp.
- ☐ Our Sunday Visitor Press
- ☐ Queenship Publishing Company

This residence hall is named for the first Chairman of the SJC Board of Lay Trustees.

- ☐ Gallagher Hall
- ☐ Bennett Hall
- ☐ Seifert Hall
- ☐ Merlini Halls

Seifert Hall is named for the Very Rev. Augustine Seifert, C.P.P.S. What was his role in SJC history?

- ☐ Founder of the C.P.P.S.
- ☐ Developed the Core Program
- ☐ Most wins by a SJC coach
- ☐ First President of SJC

Dedicated in the spring of 1955, Bennett Hall is named for the Most Rev. John G. Bennett. In what year did he graduate from SJC?

- ☐ 1909
- ☐ 1955
- ☐ 1929
- ☐ 1889

Dedicated in 1940, this all-male residence hall was named for the third Moderator-General of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

- ☐ Bennett Hall
- ☐ Merlini Hall
- ☐ Gallagher Hall
- ☐ Seifert Hall

This building originally housed the Precious Blood Sisters until 1959, when it was converted into student living quarters.

- ☐ Halas Hall
- ☐ Noll Hall
- ☐ Aquinas Hall
- ☐ Schwietermann House

Once housing for the C.P.P.S. seminarians, this building now contains a number of administrative offices.

- ☐ Schwietermann House
- ☐ McHale-Xavier Hall
- ☐ Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. Core Education Center
- ☐ Seifert Hall



McHale-Xavier Hall



# Saint Joseph's College

## Names Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Much more likely to tell you to turn your music up, rather than down, Dr. MaryAnn Janosik is re-writing music and SJC history. Named Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Saint Joseph's College, Janosik brings a lifetime of passion for history, education, and pop culture to every position she has ever held. Away from campus, she is an area chair for the Midwest Popular Culture Association and previously worked as the Director of Education at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, Ohio. Her office is decorated with two Bon Jovi gold records and it is easy to see that Janosik is not your typical academic. She is a national expert on pop culture, Catholicism, rock music, and American film.

Her journey on becoming a scholar in Catholicism and pop culture occurred purely by chance. "My doctoral dissertation was on Catholic education policy in post Vatican II Cleveland. During my research, I found lots of pop culture references to people's perceptions of Catholicism and Catholic education," said Janosik. Shortly before she defended her dissertation, Janosik transformed those references into a research proposal and received a grant from the Charles F. Reilly Armington Foundation to explore further images of Catholic schools in films. "I used the grant to write an article called, 'Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Do Reflect US: Community, Catholic Education, and Traditional Values in Two Generations of Hollywood Film' which was published in *US Catholic Historian* in 1995," Janosik added.

And the rest, as they say, is history. "From then on, my area of research integrated 'The Catholic Imagination' with popular culture. When I was named Education Director at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, my focus shifted from film to music."

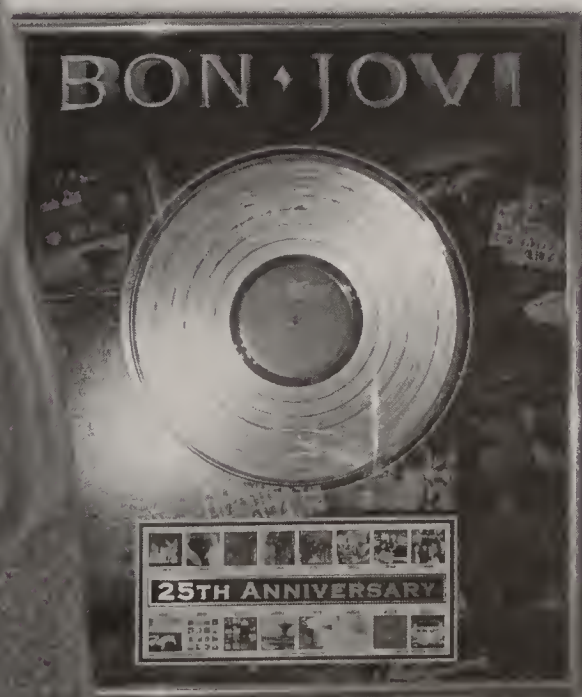
At the recently held annual conference for the Midwest Popular Culture Association, Janosik presented her paper "Madonna, the Catholic Imagination and Women's Empowerment in the Music Industry." Based on Madonna's Catholic upbringing, she examined how Madonna's childhood has impacted the music industry by addressing issues of equity, empowerment, and freedom. But Janosik's interest in music history goes even further than Madonna's contributions. Janosik recently contributed a decade's worth of rock history in her book "The Video Generation: Rock Music in America: 1981-1990," published in 2006 as part of the Greenwood Encyclopedia of Rock History.

Her research in American pop culture and her devotion to the classroom have earned Janosik several awards, including first place from the National Catholic Press Association for her article "Madonnas in Our Midst: Representations of Women Religious in Hollywood Film" (1998) and the Roger and Anne Clapp Award for "Excellence in Teaching" in 1995.

Having completed her first semester at SJC, Janosik has jumped head first into all the campus has to offer. "I've been able to attend several campus events, including Core lectures, Homecoming, Mass, etc., and have really enjoyed being part of the SJC community," Janosik said.

Janosik recognizes the friendly student body and the dedicated faculty for making her feel at home. "The students always have a smile and say 'hello' whenever I walk around campus. The faculty here is very engaged in the Core Program and SJC's mission, which are really important in establishing a campus identity as well as a commitment to excellence."

In her new role, Janosik oversees faculty and provides support and leadership in the development of the College's educational programs. "This is a great opportunity for me to continue my professional development at a small liberal arts college, similar to ones I have worked at or attended," Janosik added. "I have researched and written a lot about Catholic history, so this appointment is a good fit for me."



Dr. MaryAnn Janosik



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*St. Gaspar del Bufalo, the founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood*

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# It's FAFSA time.

The Indiana state deadline for filing the FAFSA is March 10, 2009.

For all students living in Indiana, it is essential that students file by this date for preliminary eligibility for Indiana state grants. Encourage students to enter SJC's school code to have their results sent to us: 001833.

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**Honors Scholarship:** Up to \$15,000 a year

**Deans Scholarship:** Up to \$13,000 a year

**SJC Scholarship:** Up to \$11,000 a year

**Puma Opportunity:** Up to \$9,000 a year

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“When it came down to it, SJC was where I wanted to be, and they helped me make it a reality. Regardless of price, I knew that the value of the education that I received was worth it.” – **Corey Hecht '07**

For more information on admission, contact the Office of Admissions at 800-447-8781 or [admissions@saintjoe.edu](mailto:admissions@saintjoe.edu).



# SPORTS

## Pumas Go the Distance

The Saint Joseph's College men's and women's cross country teams ended their seasons in the wet snow of the NCAA regional hosted by Ferris State University. The elements, along with the hilly terrain, made for a difficult day for the competitors. This fall featured some positive performances highlighted by the men finishing strong at the Catholic Invitational held at Notre Dame. The Pumas finished seventh out of 23 teams in their own division. Andy Rogers '09, Danny McMahon '12, Travis Strock '12, and Naza Sanchez '11 all placed inside the top 100 of the 267 member field.

The men followed their performance at Notre Dame with a third place finish at the Indiana Wesleyan Invi-

tational led by their two sophomores Corey Spriggs and Naza Sanchez. Spriggs' sixth place finish at IWU was his second career top ten.

The women's team started to peak towards the end of the season at the GLVC Championships and Regionals. Tiffani Sawmiller '10 took the lead for the Pumas with four top team finishes in five of her races this season.

All the positives are being rolled over to a strong distance team for the indoor and outdoor track and field teams which start with their first competition in January at the Purdue Invitational.

## Football Goes 5-5 with Tibbs and Hladik Earning Top Honors

The Saint Joseph's College football team finished their season on the upswing at 5-5 overall and 2-2 in the GLFC.

The Pumas were a young team that showed signs of growing pains at times this season. However, head coach Lou Esposito's young squad came just a few plays away from winning the GLFC for the second time in three years.

With first year offensive coordinator Chris Pazan calling the plays, the Pumas averaged 366 yards of total offense and 30 points per game. The prolific offensive production earned Pazan Assistant Coach of the Year honors from the GLFC coaches.

Quarterback Mike Hladik finished the season completing 58 percent of his passes for 1656 yards and 14 touchdowns, one rushing. His 165 yards per game average and seven interceptions in 241 attempts earned Hladik GLFC Freshman of the Year honors.

Ronnell Tibbs was named GLFC Defensive Player of the Year by leading the Pumas with five interceptions and posting 64 tackles in 10 games this season. Tibbs was responsible for turning games in the Pumas' favor twice this season with drive-stopping interceptions in the SJC red zone.

## Kicking Old Habits

The Saint Joseph's College men's soccer team concluded their season by showing a steady progression from last season. In 2007, the Pumas collected their fourth and final win of the season on October 19<sup>th</sup>. A year later, the Pumas entered October 19<sup>th</sup> with post-season aspirations.

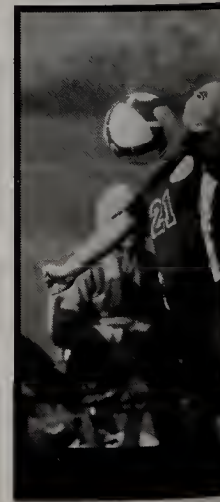
A total of 16 Pumas earned all GLFC honors this season. Offensive linemen Addison Bowman, running back Jashon Banks, defensive backs Ronnell Tibbs and Deshon McClendon, punter Kevin Quackenbush, defensive linemen Sam Gonzalez and Devin Dubose all were named to the all-conference first team.

The Pumas graduated five seniors this season, including two talented offensive linemen in Addison Bowman and Lee Shaver, who helped the Pumas produce 166 rushing yards per game this season and only allowed 1.5 sacks per game. The defense loses middle linebacker Payne Schoen, who ended his SJC career as the fourth all time leader in tackles for loss with 33. In his career, Schoen made 233 tackles and 10 sacks. Michael Binder ended his SJC career by moving up the career scoring list to 4<sup>th</sup> all time with 182 points. His 107 point after attempts and 25 field goals place him 2<sup>nd</sup> all time for both categories in SJC history.


The Pumas now look ahead to next season, as they hope to regain the top spot in the GLFC once again. In the meantime, Coach Esposito will work towards finalizing another stellar recruiting class to add strength and depth to the 2009 Pumas.

The Pumas were near the top of the Great Lakes Valley Conference in every offensive statistical category and finished second in the GLVC in goals scored, third in points, and fourth in goals per game this season.

After being named freshman of the year last season,








Tyler Kincaid earned second team All-GLVC honors this season. He finished the year third overall in the GLVC in goals and second in points.


Head Coach David Bokhart helped put the Pumas in position to succeed all season, but unfortunately SJC did not emerge victorious in any of their six overtime games. "I think we have to be disappointed. We are team that was built to get to the post season and advance," said Coach Bokhart. He went on to explain that by not getting to the post season, the Pumas have not overcome their inexperience and lack of discipline.



The Pumas will return a young and dynamic team, and if they commit and stay together, the pieces are in place to make a splash in the GLVC next season.

## Digging to 1,000 Three Times


The Saint Joseph's College volleyball team finished this season 14-16 overall and 7-11 in the GLVC.



The Pumas showed potential that they are the brink of becoming a mainstay in the top tier of the conference, especially after defeating nationally ranked Lewis University 3-1 on October 28th at Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse. Three days later in a rematch with the Flyers, SJC lost a fifth set lead that would have given the Pumas a season sweep of the GLVC frontrunner.

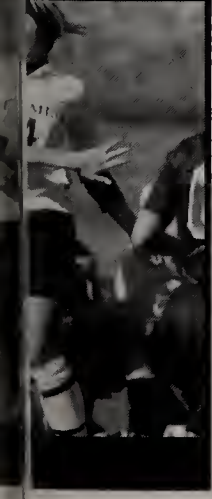
The Pumas played their best volleyball toward the end of season, winning six of their last nine matches. In the end, SJC fell just short in earning a spot in the GLVC Tournament. Head coach Jill Schopieray is in the midst of completing another stellar recruiting class that could solidify the Pumas as a top tier program.

## Building on Experience



The Saint Joseph's College women's soccer team concluded their season October 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Pumas had a tough time this season with the loss of team leader Jenny Merkel in an exhibition game against Valparaiso University. A team that went to the GLVC tournament a year ago was without one of its established leaders.



The Pumas showed sporadic flashes of brilliance this season in the midst of going 1-15-1. The Pumas were the first team to score twice against top ranked Grand Valley State University since last year's NCAA tournament. They were also the first team to score twice on GVSU in the regular season since Ashland in 2004. In fact, SJC accounted for two of the four goals GVSU gave up all season.

The Pumas lost seven seniors this season, but Scott House is optimistic that the Pumas will not be far

Coach Bokhart believes that with Adler, Kincaid, Zumski, and Gehrig, the Puma attack will be unpredictable and difficult to defend. As Bokhart describes, the important thing during the off season is that the Pumas prepare for a GLVC title run 365 days a year. "Our expectations have changed, but we have to change daily habits to match those expectations," said Coach Bokhart. "We are still developing the maturity and work ethic it takes to compete with established programs of the GLVC," concluded Bokhart.

In the meantime, Coach Bokhart is in the midst of finalizing what he calls "an exciting recruiting class" that will improve all aspects of the Puma program.

Juniors Sara Cramer and Lindsey House were named to the Great Lakes Valley All-Conference third team. Cramer played in 106 games, compiling 372 digs, 26 aces, and a team high 285 kills on the season. She became the 13th player in SJC history to reach 1,000 career digs and moved into ninth place in career kills.

With 509 digs this season, House now owns third and fourth most prolific digging single seasons in school history. She also became the 11th player in school history to reach 1,000 career digs this season with her 19 digs against Ashland at the Crossover Classic this fall.

Also reaching a career milestone was senior Robyn Bozych, who reached 1,000 career digs with 13 against the University of Findlay this season, also at the Crossover Classic.

from returning to the tournament. "We will have 20 players returning (in 2009), and we need to utilize their talents and teach them how they can learn from their mistakes," said Coach House. "Lots of players stepped into key roles this season, some who did not have big roles last season," House continued.

Rachel Cobean had a productive offensive season with five goals and led the Pumas in points with 13. She ended her career at SJC with 25 career goals, ranking her eighth in goals in a career. Ashley VanSlooten was the lone Puma that earned post season accolades by being named to the GLVC third team. Her stellar and consistent play made other GLVC coaches take notice with the confirmation of the award. VanSlooten also led the Pumas in assists this season with five.



# Pumas Pack Your Bags

## SJC Alumni Trips

### Chianti in a Tuscan Villa

October 11-19, 2009

Approximately \$2,490 per person, plus airfare and Value Added Tax, based on double occupancy

Experience the beauty and culture of Tuscany like you never imagined. From the idyllic village of Tavarnelle Val di Pesa to the architectural wonders of Florence, you will be a witness to some of the most romantic and magnificent locations in the world with an educational theme. Not only will you gain valuable insight into the history of Tuscany during your group tours, but there will be a day set aside for independent exploration.

#### Locations

Florence, the heart of Tuscany and the soul of the Renaissance.

The medieval town of Volterra, home to a Roman theater and baths, as well as a 12<sup>th</sup> century Romanesque Duomo.

24 Tuscany's Magnificent Hill Country, where you can have a taste of the region's distinctive wines.

The Ancient Town of Luca, whose 11<sup>th</sup> century Romanesque cathedral contains a carving said to be a true portrait of Christ.

Siena, home to the Duomo, which contains masterpieces by Michelangelo and Donatello.

### Ireland ~ Ennis

July 24-August 1, 2009

Approximately \$2,395 per person, plus airfare and Value Added Tax based on double occupancy.

Enjoy a remarkable excursion along the outskirts of Europe in the land known as the Emerald Isle. Marvel at the beauty of Ireland while meandering through medieval castles and cliff-side fortresses. Have a taste of Irish music and culture in a quaint Irish village and get to know the real Ireland. This is sure to be a trip you will never forget!

#### Locations

Old Ground Hotel in Ennis.

Knappogue Castle for an Irish breakfast.

Bunratty Castle, the most complete and authentic medieval castle in Ireland.

Coole Park, former home of Lady Gregory and inspiration for much of W.B. Yeats' poetry.

Thoor Ballylee, the 16<sup>th</sup> century tower which Yeats once called home.

*For further information, please contact Kendra Illingworth '93, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations.*

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# “Why Doesn’t SJC Have a License Plate?”

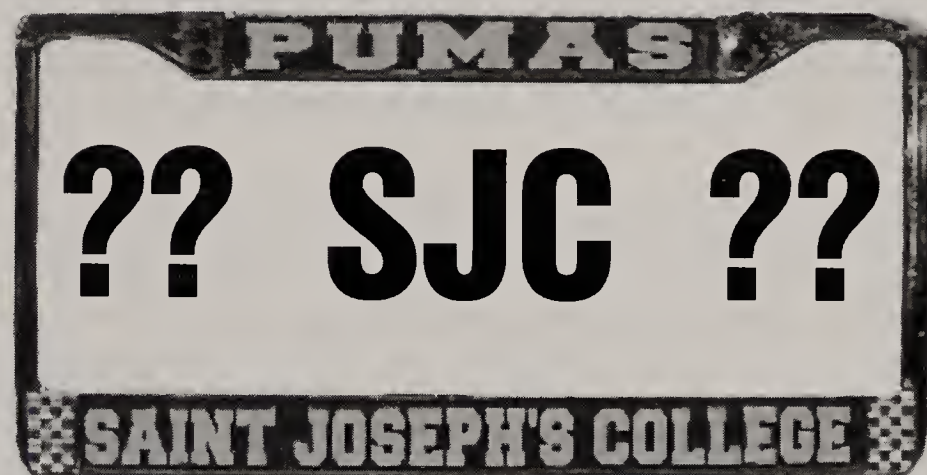
We get this question quite often. Drive down an Indiana interstate or highway on any given day and you are bound to see license plates supporting 4-H, education, environment, military groups, and university alumni associations. There are currently more than 45 specialty plates available in Indiana alone, but Saint Joseph’s College will not be found on any of them. Why not?

The State of Indiana began this program in 1990 to “recognize groups which have made a significant contribution to the United States, Indiana or their individual community.” Organizations wanting to be considered for a plate had to complete a detailed application and were required to submit a petition signed by 200 constituents willing to make the purchase. We completed our application in 1993, but did not get the full 200 signatures until one month after the deadline.

By 1995 the state program had grown so rapidly that the Bureau of Motor Vehicles declared a temporary moratorium on specialty plates, citing the need to focus resources on other projects. SJC was placed on a mailing list of schools to be notified when new applications were being accepted.

By 1998 the moratorium was lifted and we contacted our alumni to get the now 500 required signatures and promises to purchase. Our efforts failed.

New regulations put in place by the BMV in 2003 outlined additional guidelines for new plate programs. However, organizations having a plate program prior to the mora-



torium were grandfathered in and do not have to meet minimum sales requirements.

Guidelines for new programs include:

- petition signed by 500 individuals who will make the purchase
- \$6,000 Surety Bond
- organization must sell or renew 2,000 plates in the first four years of a five year period or plate will be discontinued

Due to a lack of response, we have ultimately decided *not* to pursue an SJC license plate. Rather, we strongly encourage you to show your Puma Pride by purchasing an SJC license plate frame, vehicle sticker, or other promotional items from the College Store at <http://alumni.saintjoe.edu>.

## Picture This: Your Baby Featured on *Connections*



It’s always exciting when alumni let us know a new baby has joined their family. The first thing we do is package a special Puma baby bib and mail it to the parents in celebration of the new addition. We now invite all alumni to submit pictures of their babies wearing their Puma bib to *Connections* so everyone can share in the joy. All submissions are welcome no matter how old the child or the photo happens to be.

To enter your picture simply log in to your *Connections* account and load the image to your page. Be sure to include the name of the child and the birth date, then check back regularly to see if your baby is being featured.

<http://alumni.saintjoe.edu>

Alyssa Lynn O’Dette, daughter of Rick ’99 and Sherry (London) O’Dette ’98



# Kairos L: A Milestone at SJC

Saint Joseph's College Campus Ministry recently celebrated the completion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Kairos retreat. An integral part of SJC, Kairos is an intense, four-day experience designed to allow students to get to know themselves better, develop relationships, and realize the place of God in their own lives.

This year's retreat was led by **Brother Tim Hemm, C.P.P.S. '70**, the two Co-Rectors, senior Lisa Guzman, a Music Education major from Griffith, Ind. and senior Kris McNeary, a Physical Education major from Indianapolis, Ind. and eight student leaders.

Armed with no cell phones or watches, the students headed to the Spiritual Life Center in Hammond, Ind. for what Kairos really means: God's time. For a retreat where time is not kept, the retreatants are still subjected to a rigorous schedule that revolves around large group discussions followed by small group discussions. What exactly is discussed is buried in secrecy, which is something that increases the nuance of Kairos and the innate experiences shared by those in attendance.

"Kairos is an incredible experience," Bro. Tim said. "Someone can tell you about Kairos, but until you actually experience Kairos you really don't understand. The team makes preparations, but it's the Holy Spirit that makes Kairos 'happen.'"

As a Co-Rector, Guzman helped plan and put on the retreat with the aid of a manual that is constantly being updated. "Being a Co-Rector was a lot more work than I anticipated. I am so grateful for the team that Kris and I were able to work with. It was different than being a retreatant or group leader, but the experience was just as rewarding," said Guzman.

Going strong since 1986, Kairos is now offered three times a year for SJC students, and given its reputation it is easy to see that it will remain a part of the SJC experience for years to come.



*Kairos L retreatants and leaders*

## Saint Joseph's College Campus Ministry "Trick-or-Treats" for the Hungry

Student volunteers with Campus Ministry at Saint Joseph's College donned costumes this Halloween and "Trick or Treated for the Hungry," traveling door to door throughout the community to collect canned goods for Rensselaer's Good Samaritan Food Pantry. The group of over 126 students canvassed the community to support their cause, accepting all boxed and canned goods on behalf of the Food Pantry. 2008 marks the seventh year of the annual "foodraiser."

Each group of students was armed with a map and the desire to do something good. Prizes were awarded for the best dressed and the group returning with the most collected goods.

Campus Minister and event coordinator **Ary Nelson '02** believes this unique program offers students an opportunity to serve others by celebrating the spirit of a popular holiday. "We try to find as many opportunities to serve the community as possible," explained Nelson. "This activity is one of Campus Ministry's efforts to alleviate hunger on a local level."

"I was very impressed by the number of cans we had gathered by the end of the event," stated junior English major Jennifer Ruff. "Overall, it was an event that resulted in a lot of fun and aid for those in need."



Top: SJC students Natalie Jimenez '10, Juan Carlos Rodriguez (non SJC student) and Amy Maile '09  
Bottom: Randy Denton, a Rensselaer community member hands out canned food to SJC baseball players Matt Foltz '11 (L) and Joe Pudlo '12 (R)



# Saint Joseph's College Gallagher Charitable Society Brings Christmas to Those Less Fortunate

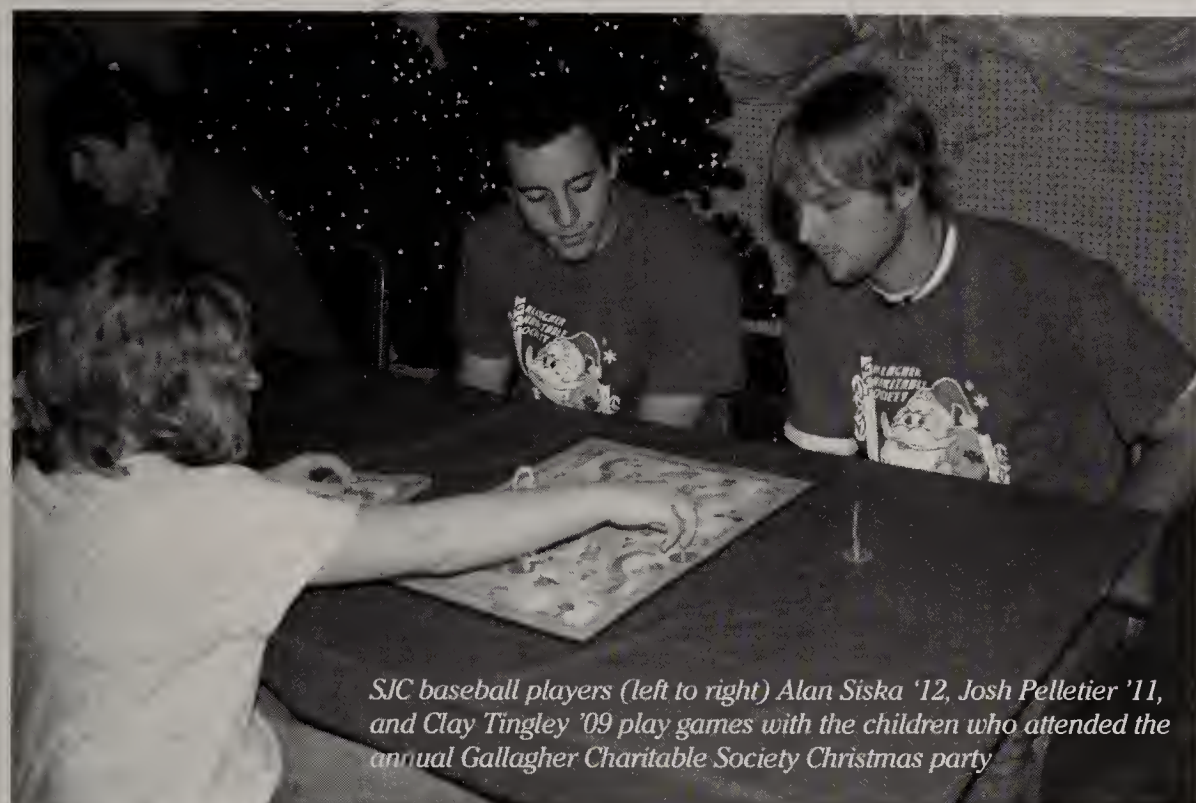
With the hope to brighten the lives of those less fortunate, Saint Joseph's College Gallagher Charitable Society hosted its annual Christmas party for underprivileged children and families in the Rensselaer community. Given recent economic hard times, a record of nearly 500 invitations were sent out this year to local families in need.

Michigan, and senior Lauren Stoffel, a Biology-Chemistry major from Huntington, Indiana.

"Sometimes with school, work, and other commitments I get stressed out and think only of myself and my own problems and wonder if it is worth it, but then I get a phone call from a parent telling me that without this party they would not have a Christmas," reflected Stoffel. "They tell me that they are struggling to keep food in their own cupboards and that the food from the food drives are going to give them hope in such a poor economy. I often spend my time thinking of and worrying about the small details, and I forget to look at the bigger picture. Though it sounds corny, I feel like I really am making a difference in the world."

Involved as a student and now as the head baseball coach, SJC graduate **Rick O'Dette '99** offered his support by having his baseball players collect items, wrap presents, and staff the event. "Gallagher Charitable Society is something that is very important to me and our program. I have been involved in this great event since 1992. When I was a student I started to realize what an impact this event has

on the community, and as a coach it has only been magnified. Our players really enjoy making young people and their families' Christmas that much better. This is a life lesson they will never forget."



*SJC baseball players (left to right) Alan Siska '12, Josh Pelletier '11, and Clay Tingley '09 play games with the children who attended the annual Gallagher Charitable Society Christmas party*

The College's annual event was held on Saturday, December 6, in the Halleck Student Center Ballroom. With the supervision of faculty advisor **Rev. William Stang, C.P.P.S. '72**, students, parents, alumni, and faculty helped ring in the holidays for underprivileged youth. Activities for the day included a family brunch, pictures with Santa, face painting, coloring, and many games.

SJC volunteers were busy throughout the month of November collecting non-perishable food items to give to the families, as well as new presents, toothbrushes, hats, gloves, and gently used toys and books for children who attended the party. Campus Minister **Ary Nelson '02** organized a Walk/Run for Warmth through Rensselaer Rotary Club where enough money was raised to purchase and distribute 160 new coats.

Assisting Fr. Stang were this year's Gallagher Charitable Society co-presidents, senior Amy Maile, a Biology-Chemistry major from Kent City,



*Campus Minister Ary Nelson '02 (middle) distributes coats to children in need at the annual Gallagher Charitable Society Christmas party*



# FACULTY NOTES

**Donna Brody**, *Director of Career Development*, was on the planning committee and participated in the Career Development Professionals of Indiana (CDPI) Career Services Leadership Institute from June 16-19, 2008 at Franklin College in Franklin, IN. Forty-four participants and nine committee members representing Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin, and West Virginia took part in the Institute. Along with being a member of the CPDI and the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), Brody is presently the secretary of the College Career Center Consortium (CCCC) made up of twelve independent, mostly faith-based colleges in Indiana.

**Brian Capouch**, *Assistant Professor of Computer Science*, has been making it a point to share his knowledge of local history and computer science. In August, Capouch gave a tour of the Horner/Hackley House in Medaryville, which was built in 1876 and is currently co-owned by Capouch, who is in the process of restoring it. In September, Capouch spoke at Astricon, the Conference of Asterisk, and Open Source telephony application server. Capouch is also planning on doing an audio tour of the pioneer Sutton Cemetery in Cass Township, Pulaski County, for the Pulaski County Library.

**Dr. Maureen V. Egan '90**, *Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Marketing*, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation at Indiana State University on November 18, 2008. Egan will graduate with honors with a Ph.D. in Education Administration, concentration in Higher Education Leadership.

**Dr. Jerry McKim '72**, *Assistant Professor of Education*, presented his findings regarding attitudes of teachers and administrators on school improvement initiatives and progress since its mandated inception in Indiana at the Indiana Association of School Principals' (IASP) annual state conference. The presentation was Monday, November 24, 2008 at the Marriott Downtown Indianapolis.

**Dr. Pat Querry**, *Assistant Professor of Physical Education*, led her Exercise Physiology class in an experimental learning project in which they applied what they learned their first semester by being a personal trainer for faculty/staff members who volunteered to become a Healthier You. There were twenty-one faculty/staff volunteers who had a student personal trainer that provided an exercise prescription and monitored the progress of the volunteers, one of whom was an 83 year-old man from the community wishing to improve his balance and strength.

**Dr. Emily E. Redman**, *Adjunct English Professor*, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation at Purdue University on November 12, 2008 in medieval literature.

**Angela Elrod-Sadler**, *Assistant Professor of Philosophy*, presented a paper entitled "The 'Feminine Genius': Women as Theological and Philosophical Exemplars of the Good of Unity" at the Women and Recovery of Culture Conference at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. She also attended the American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA), where she presented a paper entitled, "Forgiveness in the Works of Julia Kristeva: Public Act, or Private Meaning?" Its publication in the "American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly" is forthcoming.

**Dr. Todd Samra**, *Assistant Professor of Music and Choir Director*, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation in November 2008.

**Dr. Karen Venditti**, *Director of Student Teaching and Assistant Professor of Education*, presented seven support seminars for the Kankakee Valley School Corporation, the Crown Point School Corporation, and the Northwest Indiana Education Service Center for beginning teachers and their mentors. She also accompanied fifteen SJC students to the 2008 Indiana Student Education Association Fall Conference in Indianapolis.

## CLASS NOTES

On September 13, 2008, **Robert Kilbourne '58** and his wife, Collette celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a quiet dinner at a local restaurant. They plan to gather together with their 3 children, 10 grandchildren, and 3 (so far) great-grandchildren for a larger celebration upon completion of their 50th year of marriage on September 13, 2009.

After graduating from SJC, **Dave Cassin '59** attended NYU for his M.B.A. Upon completion of his degree, he became a buyer at Marshall Field in Chicago and subsequently a buyer at Sears during his first 10 years after NYU. During that time he met and married his wife of 43 years, Sara. They have three children and five grandchildren, all living in the Chicago suburbs. For the last 40 years, Cassin has

purchased five different businesses and ran them all at the same time. After buying and successfully selling all of them, he has retired.

ear X-tacy Records announced the signing of singer/songwriter **Mickey Clark '62** and the 2/17/09 release of his label debut CD, "Winding Highways." Backing Mickey Clark on the sessions is an all-star band of some of Nashville's finest musicians, including Sam Bush (mandolin), Tim Crouch (fiddle, mandolin), Al Perkins (dobro, pedal steel, slide guitar), Dave Pomeroy (bass) and Pat McInerney (drums), augmented by such guests as Robin and Linda Williams, Tim Krekel, Turley Richards, Barry Walsh, and Kirk "Jelly-roll" Johnson. A special vocal treat on "Winding Highways" features Mickey Clark joined by John Prine, Kinky Fried-



man and Jerry Jeff Walker on the instant cowboy/barroom classic sing-along penned by Clark and Jim Zeface, "Don't Piss on My Boots (and Tell Me It's Rainin')." Walker also contributes vocals and harmonica to Clark's passionate rendering of Utah Phillips' "Goodnight-Loving Trail," which closes the album.

Louisville native Mickey Clark moved to New York City early in his career and became a regular in the Greenwich Village folk clubs and coffeehouses of the 1960s, crossing paths with Bob Dylan, Ian Tyson and Leo Kottke, among others. In a 1974 interview, Bob remarked after hearing Clark perform in Chicago that he wanted him as an artist on Dylan's own Ashes and Sand label that he was considering at the time. In the liner notes for his 1997 anthology album, Kottke said after hearing Mickey perform the song, "Louise" (which is included on the new album): "Mickey was the real article, and he knocked me out. He was a great singer, and I haven't heard anyone who could do what he did."

Mickey Clark has performed at the Philadelphia Folk Festival, Smithsonian Folk Festival, and National Folk Festival. He was also featured on two National Geographic albums: "Cowboy Songs" and "Songs of the Civil War." Clark's songs have been recorded by the Oak Ridge Boys, Tompall and the Glaser Brothers, Glenn Yarbrough, and Jerry Lee Lewis.

**Eberhard "Gabe" Gabriel '63** retired as SVP and General Counsel of Citicorp Trust Bank, Citigroup's federal savings bank. After graduating from the Georgetown University Law Center, Gabe joined a US Department of Justice division, subsequently served as legal, regulatory, and compliance counsel with GEICO Financial Services, ITT Consumer Financial, Commercial Credit, Travelers Banks and, most recently, with Citigroup. He and his spouse of 43 plus years, Janice, reside in the Dallas, Texas metroplex. Their plans focus on lowering golf handicaps, traveling, fishing, and most of all, spending time with their three children.

**Michael J. Georgeson '69** began his 24th year of employment on December 20, 2008 at Caesars Palace. Georgeson has been a host for the past 21 years.

**Ed Zgonc '70** retired after a 38-year career in sports journalism. He has been a sports copy editor at *The Columbus Dispatch* for the past 19 years.

After more than 33 years of service, **Mary Wiehl '72** retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mary worked in the Human Resources field at FBI Headquarters throughout her career, serving at various times as the Chief of the Staffing Unit, the Performance, Recognition and Awards Unit, and the Personnel Policy Unit.

**Sam Till '75** qualified for the USGA Senior Amateur Golf Tournament at Shady Oaks Golf Club, Fort Worth, Texas. He qualified for match play by being in the low 64 players and made it to round 32 before losing. Till played golf for SJC from 1971-1975.

In his first year as head coach of the Riley High School Hockey Club, **Patrick Nowak '84** led the team to the Class 4A State Runner-up. Nowak is the President of Zahoran Funeral Home in South Bend, Ind.

**Angela M. (Wilhelm) Grosvenor '86** has been hired as the first full-time Planner for the city of Cicero, Ind.

Lake Criminal Court **Judge Thomas P. Stefaniak, Jr. '87** was named judge of the year by the Indiana Correctional Association. Stefaniak took the bench in 2001. He has been a member of the Lake County Community Corrections Advisory Board since 2003 and is currently Vice Chairman.

**Tom Kuhar '88** spent 47 days kayaking this year, paddling over 500 miles. His adventures took him on the Snake, Owyhee, and the River of No Return (Salmon). Pack It In - Pack It Out has brought new meaning to his views on life. He will never eat oatmeal again, nor will he take toilet paper or fresh water again for granted.

**Mary Louise Ross-Edwards '91** will be celebrating 13 years of marriage to her husband James Edwards on February 2, 2009.

Tim and **Karen (Odum) Sajewski '91** celebrated their 40th birthdays with a trip to the Riviera Maya area in Mexico. They had a great time and look forward to going back soon! They have two children: Luke is nine and in third grade, and Maggie is five and will be in kindergarten next fall.

**Patrick S. Diller '95** received a promotion at Conn-Selmer, Inc. to Product Manager-Accessories, effective October 1, 2008. He is responsible for the development and marketing for existing and new products in the \$28 million market segment of musical accessories.

*The following was submitted by Kim (Chrustowski) Swanson '96.* Our fellow alumna, **Erin (Roach) Nelson '96**, was affected by the flood in Munster, Indiana, due to what was called "thousand year rain" amounts in mid-September 2008. With her husband out of town for work, she was alone with three young girls, two dogs, and two cats when she received a pounding at her door ordering her out of the house. Erin had ten minutes to grab the kids and dogs and that was it (cats were later rescued). She literally only had the clothes on her back. Erin and her husband were not allowed back into the house until three days later, by boat, to find three feet of standing water throughout the entire ranch-style house.

Since the flood, Erin and her family have been living with her mother-in-law across town. Her house, as of November 20<sup>th</sup>, is still down to the studs from the waist down. Except for what was out of the water's way, all contents of the house were destroyed. They do have flood insurance to cover the structure, but it does not cover personal possessions which even includes appliances they will have to recover themselves.

Erin is an amazing stay-at-home mom to Juliana (7), Katy (5), and Amelia (1), and she has another baby due in summer. If you know Erin, you know she is not the type to ask for help. She is not asking





for anything, but I am for her. Erin has said the only thing keeping her going is the unexpected kindness of others. If you'd like to help out, you can send mail to her at her mother-in-law's home:

The Nelson Family, 8523 Jefferson Ave., Munster, IN 46321

**Jennifer (Holliday) Yeager '01** completed her master's degree in Education from Indiana Wesleyan University in July 2007.

After working at Midwestern University (Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine) for 6 years in the Department of Physiology, **Karyn DiNovo '02** was awarded a promotion to Senior Research Technician in July 2008.

**Eric Hall '04** is currently a Ph.D. candidate in American History at Purdue University working on a dissertation titled "The Greater Game: Arthur Ashe, Apartheid, and Civil Rights Activism, 1943-1993." Hall lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan with his fiancée Christina and their rabbit Sally.

**Lance Crow '04** has been hired as the education director for the Richmond Art Museum in Richmond High School located in Richmond, Indiana. He will be overseeing its educational programs. Crow's role also will help the museum partner with local and regional school systems to supplement educational arts, cultural history, outreach, and online programs. The education director's position is partially funded through a grant from the Stamm Koechlein Family Foundation.

**Robert J. Jansen, C.P.P.S. '06** made his first profession into the C.P.P.S. on Sunday, August 17, 2008.

**Rachel Theodore '06** has been named the assistant women's basketball coach at North Park University Chicago. Theodore was a four-year starter at Saint Joseph's College and the team captain as a junior and senior.

**Jenna Mullins '07** is a Communications Associate for Chase Education Finance by day and a graduate student at IUPUI by night. She is working on her master's degree in Applied Communication, and has been writing television scripts in her spare time and is applying to UCLA's and USC's graduate program in writing for film and television.

**Mike Schmitt '07** has an internship in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and has been accepted into a graduate program at Ball State University.

**Stacy Price '08** is conducting endocrine lab research at the National Zoo's Center for Research and Conservation (CRC) in Front Royal, Va.

**Jocque Sheldon '08** has joined Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent based in DeMotte, Ind.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Kristy Tiede '01** to Scott Quinto. A spring 2010 wedding is planned.

**Nick Schafer '03** to Katie Freehill. An October 2009 wedding is planned.

## MARRIAGES

**Michael A. Evans, Ph.D. '67** to Andrea Terrell, Ph.D./DAB-CC on August 9, 2008 in Las Vegas, Nev.

**Jeanette V. Catuara '99** to Dennis Howley, 9/6/08.

**Joshua J. Peacock '01** to Amber Spitzer, 8/08.

**Teresa A. Stogsdill '01** to Mark Gaddis, 5/10/08.

**Betsy T. Fryksdale '02** to **Michael J. Oskorep '02**, 8/9/08.

**Kelly Krayniak '02** to Todd Maki, 8/8/08.

**Amy Meyers '03** married Eric Garriott on October 17, 2008 in Joliet, Ill. at the Cathedral of Saint Raymond. In attendance were **Sarah (Prybylski) Hoffman '03**, **Marybeth Nerz '03**, and **Katie Calderone '03**.

**Nicole Kaiser '05** to **Garrett Guest '04**, 10/25/08. Fellow alumni in the wedding party included **Anna Aldridge '05** - Maid of Honor, **Megan Ratterman '04**, **Becca Niziolek '04**, **Sean McBride '05**, and **Bob Bosserdet '04**, as well as having many other Pumas in attendance.

**Randy Hoffman '04** to **Susan Huss '04**, 05/31/08.

**Raeonna Jagielski '03** to James Kulik, 10/4/08.

**Adam C. Minth '04** to Kerrie Schludecker, 8/9/08.

**Kenneth C. Shumard '04** married Erin Marie Iverson on June 21, 2008 in Boise, Idaho. **Heather Mikus '06** was a bridesmaid, and **Tom Kuhar '88** was also in attendance.

**Alexis Virtue '04** to Matt Gage, 9/23/08.

**John C. Szynal '04** to **Jennifer L. Savage '06**, 6/7/08. Pumas in attendance included:

**Joseph Rabensteine '01**, **Nathan J. Bowers '03**, **Richard Rabensteine '03**, **Sara (Post) Rabensteine '02**, **Derek Dowty '03**, **Patrick W. Smith '03**, **Nicholas T. Schafer '03**, **John G. Ligda '04**, **Michael Wallach '04**, **Melissa Sthay '05**, **Megan Lechtanski '05**, **Maria Reichhart '05**, and **Bridget Callahan '07**.

**Ryan Dorton '05** to Megan Clark (SJC Admissions Counselor), 8/9/08. **Emily (Wiseman) Bridgman '08** was a bridesmaid and **Casey Hall '05** was the best man.

**Angelina Quartuccio '05** to Brett Weinhoft, 9/20/08.

**Tiffany L. Sajdera '05** to Christopher Morgin, 9/13/08.

**Amanda S. Overfelt '07** to Erick Bryant, 9/8/07.

## BIRTHS

Caroline Ann Duffey to **Patrick '91** and **Jennifer Duffey**, 09/10/08.

Xavier Joseph Steinhilber to **John '92** and **Melissa Steinhilber** October 13, 2008. Xavier joins brothers Malachi (8) and Isaiah (4).

Henry Robert Balas was born on 9/12/08 to **Ed '96** and **Molly (Boyle) Balas '95**. Henry joins big brother George (3 1/2) and big sister Fiona (21 months).

Keira Alexandra Frances Huerter to Scott and **Jodi (Firth) Huerter '96**, 9/18/08. She joins big brother Jace (3).



Anthony Joseph Ilario Cascella was born September 10, 2008 to Nick and **Melissa (Ponticelli) Cascella '97**. He joins big sister Gianna (4) and big brother Frankie (2).

Ethan Arnold Danko and Elias James Danko to **Jim '97** and **Aleksa Danko** on September 11, 2008.

Colin Patrick Downey to **Patrick '97** and Erin **Downey**, 6/22/05. Colin was welcomed by big sister Kate (3).

Logan Patrick Lockwood to **Patrick '98** and Courtney **Lockwood**, 8/13/08. He joins big sister, Addison (2 1/2).

Lucas Hazzard Owens was born on 10/10/08 to **Matthew Shane '98** and **DeAnn Robin (Hazzard) Owens '98**. He joins big brother Aidan (5).

Marin Ann Ray was born on 9/5/08 to **Kevin '98** and **Molly (Chalik) Ray '00**. Marin joins big brothers KJ (4) and Jackson (21 months).

Alyxandra Stacy to **Joshua '98** and Roxanne **Stacy**, 4/3/08. Alyxandra joins big sister Braelyn (6).

Jacob Ryan Gandurski to **Ryan '99** and Jamie **Gandursky**, 7/22/08.

Nora Marita Guardi was born on 9/8/08 to Andrew and **Jamie (Portal) Guardi '99**.

SJC head baseball coach **Rick '99** and **Sherry (London) O'Dette '98** are the proud parents of Alyssa Lynn O'Dette, born September 23, 2008. Alyssa was welcomed by big brother Ricky (3 1/2).

Tanner John Pitstick to Don and **Jessica (Barnard) Pitstick '02**, 9/20/08. Tanner was welcomed by big brother Ayden (3).

Kiera Nicole Trennepohl, to Josh & **Kimberly (Hamel) Trennepohl '02**, 08/26/08. Kiera joins big brothers Trey (3) and Brady (1 1/2).

Liliana June Leonarduzzi was welcomed into the world by **Tony '03** and Lisa **Leonarduzzi** on 11/7/08. She was born with a full head of curly black hair like her dad.

Dan and **Samantha (Ma'Ayteh) Villa '04** welcomed Daniel Anthony Villa, Jr. on August 18, 2008.

## DEATHS

SJC Friend Chester Nuckols, 8/11/08.

SJC Friend and Fellow Alma Shuster, 10/6/08.

SJC Friend and Fellow Donald P. Steiner, 8/25/08.

SJC Friend Donald D. Stewart, 8/28/08.

Werner Wyen '35, 11/16/02.

**Edward R. Finan '42**, 11/3/08.

**Jerome M. Kosinski '44**, 8/12/08.

**John C. Head, Jr. '51**, 10/22/08.

Irene Kun, wife of **William Kun '54**, 12/13/07.

**Robert L. Wasni '54**, 9/12/08.

**Robert J. Brandt, D.D.S. '55**, 10/24/08.

**Robert B. Sayers '57**, 3/3/08.

**Bernard P. Dowling, Jr. '59**, 8/31/08.

**Robert L. Findling '59**, 5/6/08.

**Charles "Sonny" Spielman '59**, 10/14/08.

**Thomas A. Goheen '60**, 10/4/08.

**James R. Vickery '63**, 7/15/08.

**Lawrence C. Neff, Jr. '64**, 3/16/06.

Mercedes Kemper, mother of **Richard L. Kemper, Jr. '65**, 3/16/07.

Richard L. Kemper, Sr., father of **Richard L. Kemper, Jr. '65**, 12/22/06.

**Dennis J. Dunn '67**, 10/28/08.

**Helen (Wattenhofer) Fisher '68**, 12/24/07.

**Philip Hegedus '71**, 8/26/05.

**Michael P. Sullivan '73**, 2/18/08.

Robert Schroeder, father of **Jerome Schroeder '74**, **Nicholas Schroeder '75**, and **Beth (Schroeder) Bensen '84**, 5/11/06.

**James A. Holbein '76**, 6/25/08.

Catherine A. Krodel, wife of **Bill Krodel '50** (deceased) and mother of **Dan Krodel '76** and **Tom Krodel '79**, 11/9/08.

Joyce McCarthy, mother of **Thomas McCarthy '82**, 2/16/08.

Michael McCarthy, father of **Thomas McCarthy '82**, 2/11/04.

Della Plamondon, mother of **Gary Plamondon '82**, 1/19/08.

Paul E. Nagel, father of **Georgia (Nagel) McKim '89**, father-in-law of **Jerry McKim '72**, and grandfather of **Andrew McKim '08**, 8/26/08.

Anthony E. Stephen '92, 9/17/08.

Trina (Snider) Stonebraker '96, 9/20/08.

Raymond Musch, father of **Kari Musch '02**, 8/24/08.

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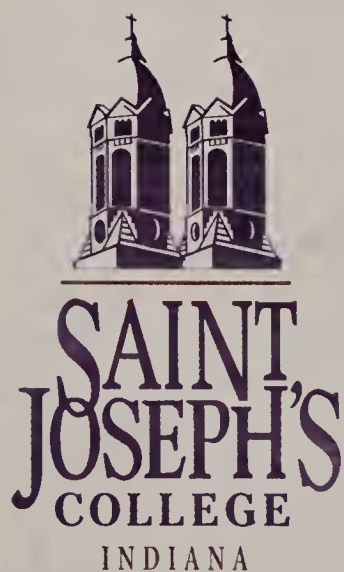
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